

## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

### Supreme Court

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**JEAN HOEFER TOAL, Chief Justice, of Columbia.**

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**TOAL, Jean Hoefer** (Richland Co.)—*b.* Aug. 11, 1943 in Columbia; *d.* the late Herbert W. and Lilla (Farrell) Hoefer; *g.* Agnes Scott Coll., B.A. in Philosophy, 1965; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1968; *m.* William Thomas Toal, 2 daughters, Jean Toal Eisen and Lilla Patrick; Managing Editor, *S.C. Law Review*; Phi Beta Kappa; Mortar Bd.; Order of the Coif; Univ. of S.C. Mortar Bd. Woman of the Year, 1989; Hon. Doc. of Humane Letters, Coll. of

Charleston, 1990; Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, Univ. of S.C., 1991; Univ. of Notre Dame Award, 1991; Agnes Scott Coll., Outstanding Alumnae Award, 1991; Hon. Doctor of Law, Cola. Coll., 1992; Chm., S.C. Juvenile Justice Task Force, 1992–94; S.C. Comm. on Continuing Legal Educ., 1992–98; Chm., S.C. Rhodes Scholar Selection Com., 1994; John W. Williams Award, Richland Co. Bar, 1994; Jean Galloway Bissell Award, S.C. Women Lawyers Assn., 1995; Portrait Honoree, S.C. Trial Lawyers Assn., 1995; Hon. Doctor of Law, The Citadel, 1999; Hon. Doctor of Law, Francis Marion Univ., 1999;

Hon. Doctor of Law, Univ. of S.C., 2000; 2002 Govt. Technology Top 25, Doers, Dreamers & Drivers Award; ABA Margaret Brent Award, 2004; Lector, St. Joseph's Catholic Church; John Belton O'Neal Inn of Court; Bd. of Trustees, Agnes Scott Coll.; Bd. of Dirs., Conf. of Chief Justices; Pres.-elect, Conf. of Chief Justices; Bd. of Dirs., Natl. Center for State Courts; Private Law Practice, Haynsworth, Perry, Bryant, Marion & Johnstone, 1968-70; Belser, Baker, Barwick, Ravenel, Toal & Bender, 1970-88; mem.: S.C. Human Affairs Comm., 1972-74; S.C. House of Reps., 1975-88; Chm., House Rules Com., 1980-88; elected Assoc. Justice Jan. 27, 1988 to fill unexpired term of George Tillman Gregory, Jr., elected Chief Justice; qualified Mar. 17, 1988; re-elected Feb. 14, 1996; elected Chief Justice June 2, 1999 to fill the unexpired term of Chief Justice Ernest A. Finney, Jr., retired; installed Mar. 23, 2000, serving continuously since.

*Exec. Asst.* ..... Michelle J. Pinkney  
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**JAMES E. MOORE**, Associate Justice, Seat 3, of Greenwood. Term expires July 31, 2008. Home Address: P.O. Box 277, Greenwood 29648, Tel. (864) 942-8565.

**MOORE, James Edward** (Greenwood Co.)—  
b. Mar. 13, 1936 in Laurens; s. the late Roy E. and Marie (Hill) Moore of Laurens; g. Greenwood High School, 1954; Duke Univ., B.A., 1958, J.D., 1961; Jan. 27, 1963 m. Mary Alicia Deadwyler, 2 children, Erin Alicia Yates and Travis Warren; Baptist; mem.: S.C. & Amer. Bar Assns.; Amer. Judicature Soc.; Kappa Sigma Frat.; Phi Delta Phi Legal Frat.; Bd. of Visitors, Lander Univ., 1976-77; Bd. of Trustees, The Lander Foundation, 1985-91; Natl. Coll. of State Jud., Univ. of Nevada, 1977; faculty advisor, 1985; Chm., Adv. Com., Circuit Court Judges, 1984-91; Chm., S.C. Circuit Judges Assn., 1987-91; VC, Bd. of Comrs. on Judicial Standards, 1981-91; Ad Hoc Com. on S.C. Rules of Civil Procedure, 1982-96; Del. to Natl. Conf. of State Trial Judges, 1980-82, 1985, 1988-91, Exec. Com., 1989-91; Outstanding Contribution to Justice Award, S.C. Trial Lawyers Assn., 1996; Hon. Doctor of Humanities Degree, Lander



Univ., 1997; Chm., Chief Justice's Comm. on the Profession, 2001-; private law practice, 1961-76; mem., S.C. House of Reps., 1968-76; VC, Jud. Com., 1975-76; elected Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit July 22, 1976; qualified Nov. 13, 1976, serving continuously until elected Assoc. Justice May 29, 1991 to fill the unexpired term of David W. Harwell, elected Chief Justice; qualified Dec. 31, 1991, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.* ..... Virginia L. Rothrock  
*Law Clerks* ..... Denise Antoine Spears

Caroline M. Bokesch

**JOHN HENRY WALLER, JR., Associate Justice, Seat 4,**  
of Mullins. Term expires July 31, 2012. Home Address:  
P.O. Box 1059, Marion 29571, Tel. (843) 423-8250.



**WALLER, John Henry, Jr.** (Marion Co.)—  
*b.* Oct. 31, 1937 in Mullins; *s.* the late J. Henry and Elnita (Rabon) Waller; *g.* Wofford Coll., A.B., 1959; Univ. of S.C., LL.B., J.D., 1963; May 9, 1981 *m.* Debra Ann Meares, 4 children, John Henry III, Melissa McLaurin, Ryan Meares, and Rand Ellis; Dem. Exec. Committeeman, 1964-66; Mason; Shriner, Potentates Aid; Kappa Sigma Frat.; past Secy., Jaycees; 1967 recipient of Alpha Nu of Kappa Sigma Frat. Man of the Year Award; Distinguished Serv. Award of Municipal Assn. of S.C., 1968; House Majority Leader, 1975-76, Asst., 1973-74; charter mem. & 1st Pres., Mullins Rotary Club, 1973; charter mem. & mem., 1st Bd. of Dirs., Pineland Country Club; mem., Macedonia Methodist Church; elected to State Reorganization Comm., 1974; Chm., Circuit Court Judges Adv. Comm.; Chm., Judicial Standards Comm.; Hon. J.D., Wofford Coll., 2002; Hon. Doctor of Humanities, Francis Marion Univ., 2003; mil. serv.: discharged as Capt., USA in branch of Armor; mem., House of Reps., 1967-76; Sen., 1977-June 10, 1980; elected resident Judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit Mar. 18, 1980 to fill the unexpired term of David W. Harwell, elected to Supreme Court; qualified June 6, 1980; serving until elected Assoc. Justice on May 11, 1994 to fill the unexpired term of A. Lee Chandler, elected Chief Justice; qualified June 29, 1994, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.* ..... Bonnie D. Stephenson  
*Law Clerks* ..... Allison Cahill Hardin  
Debra Tedeschi

**E. C. BURNETT III, Associate Justice, Seat 5, of Spartanburg.** Term expires July 31, 2010. Home Address: P.O. Box 804, Roebuck 29376, Tel. (864) 596-2595.

**BURNETT, E. C. III** (Spartanburg Co.)—  
*b.* Jan. 26, 1942 in Spartanburg; *s.* E. C., Jr. and Lucy (Byers) Burnett; *g.* Wofford Coll., A.B., 1964; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1969; Aug. 24, 1963 *m.* Jami Grant, 3 children, E. C. IV, Sharon B. West, and Jeffrey; Elder, Mt. Calvary Presbyterian Church (PCA); mem.: S.C. Bar Assn.; S.C. House of Reps., 1973–74; Spartanburg Co. Probate Judge, Jan. 1976–May 1980; elected Family Court Judge May 1980; Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, June 17, 1981–95; elected Assoc. Justice Mar. 21, 1995 to fill the unexpired term of Ernest A. Finney, Jr., elected Chief Justice; qualified Apr. 10, 1995, serving continuously since.  
*Admin. Asst.* ..... Linda B. McSwain  
*Law Clerks* ..... Hannah K. Metts  
Ashley B. Stratton



**COSTA M. PLEICONES, Associate Justice, Seat 2, of Columbia.** Term expires July 31, 2016. Home Address: P.O. Box 11330, Columbia 29211, Tel. (803) 734-1438.

**PLEICONES, Costa M.** (Richland Co.)—  
*b.* Feb. 29, 1944 in Greenville; *s.* the late Michael J. and Lecha P. Pleicones; *g.* Wofford Coll., A.B., 1965; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1968; Aug. 14, 1965 *m.* Donna Singletary, 2 children, Sara Norrell and Laura S.; elected Judge of the Fifth Circuit Feb. 6, 1991–00; elected Assoc. Justice Feb. 9, 2000 to fill the unexpired term of Jean H. Toal, elected Chief Justice; qualified Mar. 23, 2000, serving continuously since.  
*Admin. Asst.* ..... Kelly Yongue  
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